LAFAYETTE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LAFAYETTE AND ELMWOOD AVENUES
BUFFALO, N.Y.

MINISTER
DAVID S. MACINNES

November 1, 1934.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.,
Delhi, New York.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

It was good to hear from you, especially the fine reports of the way the church is keeping up. I do hope and pray that they will continue to support you, and that you will be given increasing health.

With regard to my brother, I do not feel that I can say definitely one way or the other. I do know that he spoke of a new and deeper attitude toward the ministry, while he was here in Buffalo. Just how far that will be expressed in pastoral work, I do not know. I am writing to Rev. George DeWitt at Dover, whom I know very well, asking him about it. I feel that the best way would be for you, or a committee, to make some definite inquiries down there. I will write when I hear from DeWitt.

We had a fine Communion Service this past Lord's Day, and five united with the church.

With cordial wishes to Mrs. Robinson and yourself, in which Mrs. MacInnes joins me, I am

Sincerely yours,

David.

DSM:JF

David S. MacInnes.

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Wednesday -

Dear Dr. Robinson,

The enclosed came this morning and will explain itself. I can add nothing more to it.

This evening we are having Miss Michi Kawai of Japan to speak in our church. She is a leading woman of that country. Including the whole city, we expect a large crowd.

Last Lord's Day we had baptisms, and there were ten children baptized which is encouraging. Had our session meeting last night and discussed the purpose of the Church as a whole. It did us all good to understand one another and to know that we are working toward the same goal.

Hope things in Delhi are continuing along hopefully. Hope that your trip to Philadelphia was not too much for you.

What a landslide for the Democrats, or the NRA, or whatever it means?

Hastily,

David

LAFAYETTE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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MINISTER
DAVID S. MACINNES

October 25,1934

Dear Dr. Robinson,

It is shameful the way I have neglected sending you some word from Buffalo. Really, we have been so rushed with getting settled and under way at the church that I have not written any personal letters to speak of.

Now, that the installation is over and the knot is tied, I feel that we are established and can settle down to a regular schedule. The installation on Tuesday evening was most impressive. There was a large congregation present, nearly filling the church; and the ministers taking part all did exceptionally well. There were no weak spots, as so often is the case. Again, as at Delhi, William seemed to captivate them all. The reception afterwards was most enjoyable. The whole evening was most auspicious. Several said that it was more like the old Lafayette than anything they had had for six years. I hope that it may be more and more true. On the whole, we feel very much encouraged. I realize that it is a tremendous task, but the people seem to be in an expectant mood, which means much.

We do miss Delhi, however. The hills and the staunch friends and the responsive congregations and your own ready and wise counsel. I do hope that things are progressing along satisfactorily. Mr. Hume said that you seemed to be in good health for which we are thankful. Someone in a letter the other day said that the congregations and prayermeetings were keeping about the same. That also was good news.

While William was here I asked him about his decision regarding Delhi. He seemed to have no definite objection to coming except that he felt that he owed a greater obligation to Succasunna. He evidently has passed through a real experience this past summer, and he wants to share it with his church there. He sent the letter to you that he did mainly to release the church and committee if they wished to look for someone else. If they cannot find anyone who suits them and they still feel that they want him, I feel that he would give it serious consideration. I know it has appealed to him. Now, this is confidential and not for the committee. I do not write it because I am seeking to press his consideration, but simply to answer the question which both of us raised in Delhi. I think it might be wise to let the committee pursue some other leads. Then if they do not seem to agree on anyone and you still think that they would consider him, you might suggest trying again. If you feel that they have accepted his decision and have dismissed him from their minds, I would not say anymore about it. This is simply my own opinion. However, I do not want you to infer that I am in anyway pushing him.

With best regards to Mrs. Robinson and yourself,

I am, Most cordially yours, David-

October 2, 1934.

Reverend Boyd McCleary, D. D.,

Oneonta,

New York.

Dear Doctor McCleary:

You said, as I understood it, that we could use you of a Sunday evening. Could we have you preach in the First Church, Delhi, Sunday evening, October fourteenth, and also the evening of November fourth? I will not be present, and you will have the entire service. The printed Order is there, and some Elder or other will direct you as to details. We allow Ten Dollars ($10.00) for each service. I hope we may have the privilege of hearing you in Delhi. Of course, I have no way of telling what the size of the audience may be, but we have had a fair audience most Sunday evenings.

Kindly let me know whether we may count on you, or not. Many people in Delhi are anxious to hear you and, of course, your sister will anticipate your coming.

Most sincerely yours,

WCR/RW

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Boyd McCleary, D. D., Minister
BELLAIRE, OHIO

Dec. 16, 1933

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi, New York

My dear Dr. Robinson,

Thanks for your letter. It has helped me much in making a decision to go to Aneonta.

The church is not the equal of mine here in equipment for work, nor is the salary offered any inducement. But the field and possibilities of it attracts me, because I was born in Amsterdam, N.Y. and all my relatives are there. I have been in the (Ohio) soft coal and steel region of this valley, twelve years and feel I would like a change while a change can be made advantageously.

I did not seek this field and never wrote a soul asking for a hearing. In fact, I have not as yet preached before this congregation. But I find they have written many letters to men in all walks of life here and in my former parish, Palmyra, N.Y.

so they are asking me to come on strength of such letters from my parish. This has been going on for over three months without my knowledge.

This is really my second parish and to move from it is like tearing out one's heart, but I have given them my best here and, finding them in 1922 two disorganized churches, I leave them one strong united congregation in a new and beautiful edifice dedicated in 1928, costing about $300000.

Thus you can see it is a crucial move for me and I have welcomed all the light and guidance of men and the Lord in making my decision.

Therefor, I appreciate the more your prompt and helpful reply.

Yours respectfully,

Roger McCleary

JUDGE H. T. TYLER, CLERK OF SESSION

MISS NORMA BOYCE, TREAS.

The Presbyterian Church

REV. BOYD McCLEARY, D. D., MINISTER

BELLAIRE, OHIO

December 11,1933.

Rev.Courtland Robinson,D.D.
Delhi,N.Y.

My dear Br.Robinson,

Wednesday of last week,I met a large group of people of the First Church of Oneonta,N.Y.I did not know the town or the church,but they telegraphed me to come and speak before their Kiwanis Club,and following that they met in the church and extended to me,as a representative group,the invitation to become their pastor, subject of course-to the congregational action.

Now I would like to ask you something of the church .Is it a harmonious congregation?Is it sot in its ways,or will it yield to tactful and patient leadership,if one does not follow the old ruts? Does the church offer in your judgment a good field for growth and development ?

I may say for two reasons ,I am attracted to Oneonta:first,the fact tha t my home is in Amsterdam and I am an exile here in the coal and steel section of the Ohio valley.Second,while the church offers no more salary than I receive, and in some repects is no where nearly so active nor so large as my present church,this present field is going backwards and has been for five years due to industrial conditions in mills and coal fields.

I have been twelve years here,and am very happy in the work,but would like to leave,when I leave,when things are in that condition.

Sincerely,

B McCleary

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OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

August 8, 1933

The Rev. Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi,
New York.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

This year I had to take July for my vacation month and so did not have opportunity to write you expressing my regret in behalf of the Church and my relief on your own account that you are laying down the heavy duties of The Presbyterian. I hope many have written you expressing appreciation of the spirit you have shown through the years of your leadership there. It has not been easy to take the positions which sincerity required you to take, and yet to maintain the fine spirit you have always shown. I have not always agreed with what you felt it wise to say but I have always known that I could come to you with entire confidence, not expecting agreement, but expecting a cordial welcome of any suggestions I had to make. I only hope your successor, whoever he proves to be, will maintain the same spirit. I am sure it will please the Church more than a belligerent spirit in behalf of the same truths.

I am myself within three years of retirement, though happily I have no physical limitations to consider as to health. I hope I may have the wisdom to retire gracefully and with the goodwill of my brethren as you do.

Heartily,

Cleland B. McAfee

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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REV. LEWIS S. MUDGE, D.D., LL.D.
STATED CLERK

GENERAL OFFICE
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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

July 18, 1933

Rev. Wm. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
c/o "The Presbyterian",
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Robinson:

It is with deepest regret that I have learned of your retirement as Editor of "The Presbyterian", and I am especially sorry that somewhat impaired health has been the immediate cause.

These are certainly most trying and testing days for all who occupy positions of responsibility of a character to bring them into intimate touch with the problems of the Church, or of the State, or of both. The Editor of a religious journal, like "The Presbyterian", occupies a difficult position at all times, but a particularly trying one in the present hour and when, in addition to editorial obligations, he has also financial anxieties to face, he is indeed to be regarded with sympathy.

During the several years that you have occupied the editorial chair of "The Presbyterian", I know that you have made every endeavor to be accurate and fair. I have read with special appreciation your editorials, so many of which were helpfully devotional and spiritually uplifting.

I earnestly hope that a brief respite from exacting labors will quite restore you to normal health and that there will promptly open up to you an opportunity for such service as will crown with satisfaction to you and to your dear ones a life which has already been marked by high achievement and unselfish devotion.

Your sincere friend,

Lewis S. Mudge.

LSM.H

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, N. J.

REV. PAUL MARTIN
REGISTRAR AND SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY
Emeritus

June 22, 1933

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson D.D.
1217 Market St.
Philadelphia.

My dear Dr. Robinson.

I am sorry to learn from the June 22nd issue of the Presbyterian that on account of health considerations you are compelled to retire from the work of the Editorship.

I appreciate what a difficult position the Editor of a religious paper, and especially of a denominational paper is, and especially what the difficulties of the Presbyterian's editor

have been in these days of controversy and depression. You have done much to bring the paper out of the troubles handed down to you and to make it useful.

May rest and the good air of Delhi soon restore you to full health.

Very sincerely yours
Paul Martin

A PROPOSED OVERTURE

SEEKING TO PROVIDE A SUITABLE CONFESSION OF FAITH TO BE SIGNED BY ALL EMPLOYED LAY WORKERS.

Whereas, Licentiates and Ministers of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., are required to make a profession of their faith before licensure and ordination (Form of Government, Chapter 14, Section 7, and Chapter 15, Section 12), and Elders are required to make a profession of their faith at the time of their ordination, (F. of G., Chap. 13, Sec. 4) the doctrinal belief of Sunday School teachers and other lay workers being a matter under the jurisdiction of the Sessions of the several churches in which they labor, and the requirements for admission to the membership of any congregation being determined by the Session of that congregation: and

Whereas, Ordained missionaries are responsible in matter of doctrine to the several Presbyteries to which they belong and are not examined by the Boards and agencies of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. before they are employed by the same, but their Presbyterial standing is deemed sufficient presumption of their orthodoxy; but lay missionaries, teachers, and workers employed or commissioned by the various Boards, Agencies, Commissions and Cooperatives of the Church are not examined by Presbytery or any other body as to their theological belief, but are simply recommended by the Sessions of the several churches from which they come; but, as representatives or employees of the same Boards, Agencies, Commissions and Cooperatives they are representatives of the whole church and should be responsible to the whole Church as represented in its General Assembly; and

Whereas, The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. should be assured that the men and women engaged in teaching, preaching, medical and social work in this and foreign countries as representatives of the Church are in accord with the doctrinal standards of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.; and

Whereas, Men and women devoting their lives to service of our Lord Jesus Christ in this and foreign lands may, in many instances, be unjustly criticised in regard to their doctrinal beliefs by men and women who may possess theological beliefs but lack the spirit of the archangel who durst not bring a railing accusation (Jude 9); and

Whereas, The Form of Government, Chapters 14 and 15 provides for an examination requiring acceptance of the Confession of Faith as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. in 1910 declared the following to be essential doctrines of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.:

1. It is an essential doctrine of the Word of God and our Standards that the Holy Spirit did so inspire, guide and move the writers of the Holy Scriptures as to keep them from error.

2. It is an essential doctrine of the Word of God and our Standards that our Lord Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary.

3. It is an essential doctrine of the Word of God and our Standards that Christ offered up Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and to reconcile us to God.

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4. It is an essential doctrine of the Word of God and our Standards concerning our Lord Jesus Christ that on the third day he arose again from the dead with the same body with which he suffered, with which also he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of his Father, making intercession.

5. It is an essential doctrine of the Word of God and the supreme Standard of our faith that our Lord Jesus Christ showed his power and love by working mighty miracles. This working was not contrary to nature but superior to it.

THEREFORE, The Presbytery of Portland respectfully overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. to require all missionaries teachers, physicians, and social workers representing the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. under the various Boards, Agencies, Commissions, and Cooperatives of the Church to sign the following declaration of faith and file the same with the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly when they begin their work with any Board Agency, Commission, or Cooperative of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.:

STATEMENT OF BELIEF.

1. I sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures.

2. I believe it is an essential doctrine of the Word of God and our Standards that the Holy Spirit did so inspire, guide, and move the writers of the Holy Scriptures as to keep them from error.

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Presented to the Presbytery of Portland, June 13th, 1933 by Dr. D. W. M. MacCluer and ordered printed and sent down to the members of Presbytery for study until the October meeting of Presbytery when it will come up for consideration.

Charles T. Hurd
Stated Clerk.

Rose City Park Community Church

SANDY BOULEVARD AT FORTY-FOURTH
PORTLAND, OREGON

DONALD W. M. MACCLUER, D. D., MINISTER
2834 N. E. 32ND PLACE

June 29, 1933

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi,
N.Y.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Like many another good Presbyterian, I have been quite grieved over the dissension in our church in regard to foreign missions.

Hoping to bring the matter to an issue and a satisfactory solution, I introduced the enclosed resolution at the June meeting of Presbytery. A motion to adopt was made, followed by a substitute motion to send the document to the members of Presbytery for their study in order that we might vote more intelligently upon the question at the October meeting. A motion to lay on the table was overwhelmingly defeated. I spoke in favor of the motion to refer the matter to the brethren for their consideration and action in October. This motion carried by an overwhelming majority.

I believe the paper is self-explanatory. I think there are two issues involved. First, as to whether men and women who represent our church at home and abroad and are paid for so doing, shall be on record as being loyal to our doctrinal position. The second is as to whether men and women who are devoting their lives to heroic service for our Master in the hard and difficult places shall be protected from the harsh and sometimes untrue criticisms of the brethren who have not felt called upon to take the gospel beyond the bounds of this country.

I realize that I am more or less unknown in our church, and men may question my background, so for your information I thought I would give you my record.

I was graduated from Mercersberg Acadamy in 1904, Washington and Lee University in 1907. During my college course I worked in the House Mountain Mission under the direction of the First Presbyterian Church at Lexington, Virginia. I took my seminary course at Auburn and a year of post graduate work, most of which I did during two summer vacations. It was during my seminary course that I supplied our church at Victory, New York, This was a small country church and a great majority of our members were farmers. Incidentally, it was one of the happiest relations into which

I have ever entered. In 1910 Mrs. MacCluer and I went to Chieng Rai, Siam, as missionaries under the Foreign Board. The next year I was invalided home with a form of malaria, permanently disqualified for foreign service.

In the fall of 1911 I was called to the Third Presbyterian Church at Niagara Falls, a home mission church among the foreigners in an industrial district. In 1913 I went to Coldwater, Michigan, as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and stayed for six years. From there I went to St. Louis as assistant to Dr. Donald C. MacLeod, who was then pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, U.S. Assembly. July 1st, 1920 I took up the work of pastor of the Rose City Park Presbyterian Church in Portland. For the past 11 years I have been chairman of the Foreign Missions Committee for Portland Presbytery, and for the last 10 years for the Synod of Oregon.

If you feel this paper to be worthy of discussion, I would like to have your reactions to it.

Very truly yours,

Donald W. M. MacCluer

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(Enc.)

First Presbyterian Church
Seattle, Washington

June 26, 1933.

Rev. W. C. Robinson, D. D. LL. D.
DELHI, NEW YORK.

My dear Brother:

The Presbyterian has just arrived and I notice you say for physical reasons assigned by your doctor you have to surrender the editorship of the paper. I regret this. I regret your health is such that you are compelled to do this. Please take care of yourself. Get well. We have a tremendous battle before us.

I hope your son is appointed editor. I wrote a letter to that effect recommending him. He is a fine young man. Am proud of him. God bless you.

We have people who are trying to create a schism in the body of Christ, therefore we fundamental Christians and orthodox theologians should stand together.

May God bless you and restore you to perfect health.

Your true friend,

M. A. Matthews

EDITORIAL ROOMS

THE PRESBYTERIAN

1217 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA

July 12, 1932.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I received your nice letter and thank you so much for writing me, also for your words of appreciation for the service I have rendered the paper. We miss your writings very much although your son is giving us valuable assistance while waiting for the decision of the Board regarding the future editor of the paper. He comes to the office every Friday and with his optimistic viewpoint is helping to carry things along.

Mr. Crowell sent a contribution to help pay some of the old debts of THE PRESBYTERIAN. He asked that a certain proportion of it be sent you. You will, therefore, find check for $866.67 covering the balance of the salary due for April 1932 and the salary due for May and June of the same year. Also check for $100.00 covering the loan. I do hope the directors will make some desperate effort to secure more funds. It would certainly relieve the pressure very much at the office as well as help those to whom the paper owes money.

We are beginning to get some subscriptions of The Presbyterian Magazine. To date we have some fifty or more and the arrangement is that those in charge of the Magazine send in each week the names of those who prefer THE PRESBYTERIAN.

Dr. Kennedy called yesterday at the office to see how we all were and expressed great sorrow and regret that you were compelled to give up your work. He tells me he is almost eighty years of age. He seemed quite active but is troubled more with lack of memory. However, it is remarkable how he has picked up and is living so much longer than the family ever dreamed.

Mrs. Horn leaves this evening for her vacation. We will miss her very much but I am glad that she can have a rest. The others of us will try to get ours later.

I hope you will soon be better and that you can find something to occupy your time. You should get a nice country church and become a pastor again.

Everyone of us sends kind regards to you and Mrs. Robinson.

Yours very sincerely,

Anna I McKinney

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MRS. FRANCIS H. McCHESNEY
714 JAMES STREET
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

July 5. [illegible]

Dear Dr. Adrian —

I spent the night with Dr and Mamie last night - and while in me at breakfast we got to reminiscing - it being Dr's birthday - and we spoke of you abc - and the years gone by - It seemed a pity that we had lost all touch with your family after the close association of the past, and I resolved

Thew and there That I meet
mite you -
I expect you are in Dresti
and I hope it is cooler
and better than here -
Everything is burning up - Even
under the intense heat
of the sun much and
no relief in sight.
I don't believe you care to hunt
when I am - and this letter
Lead me tell you.
After Chancellor Day returned
he brought this home and
after he died his daughter

MRS. FRANCIS H. McCHESNEY
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Converted it into an office and some apt. She does alone this and I for the other rooms. It is a splendid arrangement for I am very fond of her and I don't feel quite alone. Life is pretty lonely at best, and often when the children miss Lena and my beloved Mrs Lee & Thos Lee all that interested me - it seems like Lee

are his especial people
in me and either Hal -
or this is quite a different
person - My children or
you know they mean to, are
Every thing to me Hal. I could
wish - but there is always
in my heart the longing
for "the touch of a vanished
hand - and the sound of a
voice that is still" - and
yet for his sake - I am glad
he is not here to face the
world's condition of the present time.

MRS. FRANCIS H. McCHESNEY
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I am sure he must feel flat-
ter was in some way responsible
for the unfriendly demonstration
all Law is practice now.
I don't know how closely you
may be in touch with Syracuse
affairs now - but you perhaps
know the Archbold Law but-
ding thing - one Law
where they quote as many
Years - while Law Jones by Lein
in a little apt. in a back
street. Mrs Archbold lives

Edith Pennock Hal they are entirely dependant on their children — and their children can't be taring about all they can do to support their own families.

Mr Ruler you probably know her dear. and Barbara Young - Tell me with a full eye behind her - and she knew with the simply your ahead of her — I always felt Barbara divine as a great mistake. and Hal Edward Merit all to blame. At her

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714 JAMES STREET
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

received in yrs of 2nd inst
for New book. as he has since
married. Ted's wife died a
few yrs ago. and I hear he
is about to marry. I hope so -
for he was devoted to Gertrude
Was surely sad & unnecessary -
life may it be long? Something
in store as a reward of such
faithfulness —
Mr and Mrs McLaughlin to bring
Minnie this next visit -
a true boy - I hear - Hurley

seems possible - for it seems such a short time ago that she came to them a baby a few months old - but the years do fly - She has been a source of much affection and satisfactory duty this and devoted to Honella and Augus - as they have been to her - She goes to Chicago to join with she is marrying a Lawyer - I guess Rev boy - has always been - Child is - and will continue to be a great anxiety to them -

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SYRACUSE, N. Y.

"A. E" is still tottering
around - He hasn't returned
home in grace as he has
in yrs. and I guess Edith's
eyes is anything but an
Encouragement - The Lord is
Just it Usually he is a
dreadful Retaliator. She —
Edith has two splendid sons -
and they are a real joy to
her. — They is - Uncle Abel -
and Edith has had many things
thing for -

They will be able to not learn
to live very economically -
as to obey me - Dolly has
done a man size job
for the last few years - and
is steering my ship thro'
these troubled waters with
great courage and skill.
Mamau is very dear to me
and Ola and John and May
fill my life with interest.
John is a great tall boy - two
eight years old and is like
his Father at his age to be
near -

MRS. FRANCIS H. McCHESNEY
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SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Janet is a busy little
Mother with her three
children - Mary Dorsey
is eight - Frances is four
and David will be three
in Sept. They are lovely
children and needless
to say beautifully brought
up & Mrs Chisholm - whose
friends we enjoyed.

Mrs - Excuse this letter being a ramble? I hope you will excuse it in kind. and tell me all the news of your family - your relatives and if Nellie is as attractive & interesting as ever - With affectionate regards to you all —

Yours D. McCleary —

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

REV. H. G. MENDENHALL
STATED CLERK EMERITUS

Litchfield,Conn--July 1/33

Dear Dr Robinson:-

I deeply regret that you have had to sever your connection with The Presbyterian where for the past three years you have rendered signal success to the church and the religious life of the world. My congratulations are yours with a sincere wish that rest may recuperate and bring a longer life. Rev Mr Anderson,pastor of the Congregational church here,called this week and he was surprised to hear of your resignation. You have a warm friend in Mr A--- and I give him The Presbyterian weekly that he may be kept in the right path.

You may be interested in knowing that when Dr Alexander was editor we had a conference about my purchase of the paper but he dissuaded me because of the financial difficulties in maintaining the paper in the face of the dangers then facing religious journalism.They must be even greater now than they were in his day

May the dear Lord abundantly bless you and give to you the memories of a joyous ministry

Cordially

H. G. Mendenhall

906 So. Negley Ave
Pittsburgh, Pa
May 19, 1933

Dear Robinson:

You know by this time the copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Bd. They are probably disappointing to you.

With the weight of the burden of preparing the memorial address for Patton at the Commencement, and the sense of my inadequacy to evaluate his work as a Princetonian during the fifty years of his activity, I could not write you after the meeting. I tried the best I could to get the Bd to face the financial situation, but the time was largely spent in discussion of union with the Banner. Craig suggested the possibility of union with the "Kiwanis-to-Day", without details. I would have been willing to go forward with conferences with the Banner, because they proposed Hutchison and two of his elders, who are fundamentalists, and most of the others were sound. But those who were present, were afraid of the venture. For my own part, the Presbyterian at the present time needs money to pay its debts, and to make an active campaign for securing new subscribers more than it needs anything else. The paper may weather the storm, or it may sink. I feel helpless to do much in any direction, and shall ask to have some active business man made President.

The address at the Seminary, I am thankful, to say, was well-received, and I was thankful to have that load off my mind.

Mr Crowell in private conversation with me, lamented your condition, and seemed to me to have in mind sending you $200, which he estimated to be the minimum of subsistence for you. He did not say so, but I hope he meant to. I think he will refuse to serve any longer than he can properly stay, in order to help clean up our indebtedness. He has borne more than his share

I am still too busy, with many difficult addresses and obligations in the present and near future. Whether it is really a desire to serve or vanity that makes me yield to appeals, I am not sure.

Princeton called McKenzie of the Western Seminary to the Chair of Biblical Theology, lately occupied by Vos. I had to explain to the Board of the Western Seminary Princeton's action.

Hibben's death was a shock. He was a classmate in the Seminary.

The Assembly number of the Presbyterian is fine, in my judgment.

I have not any purpose in writing, except to send you my affectionate greetings and the hope that in some way we can soon pay you some of the money we owe you. We can not pay you for your loyalty and your able work in desperate times.

Your friend

William L. McEwan

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156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

May 29, 1933

The Rev. Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Thank you for yours of the 23rd which has been followed by a letter from Miss Horn. Your letter confirms the impression I had that you had no hand in the refusal of the advertisement. I saw a good deal of Mr. Stam, of the Religious Press Association, during the meeting of the Assembly at Columbus. He was the stronger of the two brethren in the Foreign Missions Committee who introduced the minority report declaring lack of confidence in the Board and calling for the appointment of an entirely different membership. The first vote indicated that several others had anxieties, but they were apparently entirely allayed because only two, and these probably the youngest in the Committee, held out to the end. They were in close communication at all times with Dr. Machen who asked the Committee to allow him to come and present information which was in his hands alone but which actually was contained entirely in his pamphlet supporting the Overture which was under discussion. The majority report expressing confidence in the Board was overwhelmingly adopted and the minority report was rejected in equal terms. Immediately after the vote a circular was given to the press, indicating the forming of a new Board which is to meet in June.

I share your feeling of deep pain over the acrimonious controversy. I will rejoice when we can see more nearly eye to eye with our brethren whose zeal one wishes to emulate.

We appreciate your readiness to carry the burden of the editorial responsibility of The Presbyterian, and we will rejoice with you when you find you can honorably lay it down and take some of that rest which your life has not had up to this time.

Heartily,

Cleland B. McAfee

THE MONTCLAIR NATIONAL BANK

MONTCLAIR, N.J.

HUGH R. MONRO
PRESIDENT

May 27, 1933.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I wish I might offer some encouragement in connection with the problem presented in yours of the 22nd. I can well appreciate your difficulties, as many of us are having the same kind of battle and our personal problems are so constant and acute that it is impossible to help benevolent enterprises as we have in the past.

Your service to the paper has been most sacrificial and it has long been a serious question as to whether we are justified in continuing the publication under this accumulating deficit. Of course, hope has been sustained by the prospect of merger or some form of reorganization; but unless these plans mature in the near future or help is received through the General Assembly, it seems as though we would be left with no alternative other than to liquidate or turn the publication over to other hands.

I have had the impression that under some sort of arrangement such as was proposed with the Evangelical Press, where operating expenses would be taken care of, it might be possible to raise a sufficient sum each year to cover the editorial conduct of the paper. Our past experience would seem to indicate this possibility.

The deficit under present conditions, however, seems greater than we can carry.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh R. Monro

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi,
New York.

418 CENTRAL PARK WEST
NEW YORK CITY

June 1st

Rev Dr Robinson,

Dear Dr Robinson,

The name of the
Rev E. H. Rian has been
has been suggested for
the 5th Ave Presbyterian
Church. Do you know of
the vacancy with for our
Church. Could you

Send me his address

any any particulars

regarding his abilities

for our pastor.

Very Sincerely

J Morehead D.D.

J. M. MACINNIS
1112 NORTH GARFIELD AVENUE
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA

May 25 - 1933

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I have just finished the May 18 issue of The Presbyterian and it has done me good. I especially wish to express my deep appreciation of your Editorial "The Board of Foreign Missions" and your Comment "Like to Command." They are fragrant with the Christian Spirit and strong in the confidence that the Christian principle of love cannot fail. I am for a church paper that has the courage to stand on that platform and goes forward in that Spirit.

It may find it hard to make

the grade financially, but it cannot fail in the true interests of the Kingdom - Some may call it "fence-footing", but the fact is it requires more courage to follow that road than it does to take up one party Slogan and shout only for those who accept our particular judgments. May God bless you and make your paper great in the Crusade for the new Testament manner of Life.

Most Cordially

John M. MacInnis

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May 16, 1933

The Rev. Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Let me express my sincere appreciation of the way you have thought it wise to handle the discussion about Mrs. Buck. My letter to you was intended to give you the facts, to be used in any way you think best. I have not thought of proposing that a discussion of the Board or the theological issues should be suppressed but only that Mrs. Buck might now be left out of the discussion since she has withdrawn from it at her own urgent desire. I think it is fair to say that Mrs. Buck's theology is very much what the average man brings to his Junior year in the Seminary. He has not thought much about it but is inclined to be a bit talkative. By the end of the Senior year he ordinarily has some things cleared which were rather baffling at the first. I hoped we could have gotten them cleared in Mrs. Buck's mind by conference and discussion, but there was not time for this before the controversy became so painful to her that she was not willing to continue in relation to the Board. I mean to take up matters with her still in due time in hope of helping her out of her difficulties.

I am writing now, however, about another matter—to ask you whether it is with your consent that The Religious Press Association which handles your advertising has declined to include in the Revell advertisement a notice of Dr. J. Harry Cotton's Joseph Cook Lectures. It seemed to me a rather drastic action, especially since every word we received from the field indicates that Dr. Cotton proved a most constructive lecturer. He brought back with him the highest praise for some of our most conservative brethren on the field, such as Dr. Watson M. Hayes of China, and these men in turn have expressed to us their pleasure in his presentation of the saving power of Christ. I remember as far back as January 1931, The Presbyterian had an editorial about the appointment of Dr. Cotton which criticised the Board for taking so young a man when there were older men who might have rendered a similar service. I have known very few actions of the Board in this line which havereceived more appreciation from our younger missionaries than this recognition of one of themselves who, after all, is a man of a great deal of learning. I think this editorial would hardly be your own explanation of the refusal to advertise the book, especially since the book is not even yet in print. It may be news to you that the advertisement has been refused for your General Assembly number and I wonder if it was with your advice or desire. Dr. Cotton has done nothing to deserve a rebuke of this kind so far as I know, and your own spirit has always been such that I question if it is your desire that this open and public rebuke be given to him or to his publisher.

As I have said to you so many times I have never run a newspaper and always submit my judgments with all due deference to a man like yourself who is doing so. I hope you will help me out in my understanding of this.

Sincerely,

Cleland B. McAfee

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May 31, 1932.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

I am enclosing the correspondence with Rev. Cleland B. McAfee regarding Dr. Cotton's book. This can be returned at your convenience.

I had a little visit from Dr. Laird. Just why he called I was unable to make out. I rather think it was in an effort to justify himself in my eyes for having moved the acceptance of your resignation as editor. I expressed my regret to him that you had decided to give up the work when a successor has been selected. It seems to me, however, that you need by in no hurry to lay down the editorial pen as according to Dr. Laird no money is forthcoming to finance our present indebtedness let alone assuming more obligations. I do not care a whole lot for Dr. Laird. In some ways to me he does not ring true but this may be just a personal prejudice on my part. You have had such a long and continued relationship with him that no doubt you know him and his characteristics far better than I do. When I had him here I endeavored to interest him in raising some money for the paper. He stated he would be unable to do this. I thought there was no reason why he should not know of our present emergency and try to help us. Of course I do not look for any assistance from him.

We were awfully sorry that it was necessary for us to use your loan of $100 last Friday. It had to be done, however, to meet the payroll and the cost of the shipment for the paper. Many thanks for the loan and I hope that with the readjustment of the finances of the paper which Dr. McEwan stated was to be done, it will be returned. Here's hoping.

Everybody joins me in the very kindest regards to you and Mrs. Robinson.

Yours very cordially,

Anna D. McKinney

AIMcK*E

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May 29, 1933

Miss Mary Y. Horn,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Horn:

Thank you for yours of the 25th regarding my inquiry about the advertisement of Dr. Cotton's book. From one point of view, of course, the matter is entirely unimportant and certainly no one must question the right of The Presbyterian to control its own columns. I have a note from Dr. Robinson in which he indicates that after the first editorial reference to Dr. Cotton he received information which made him feel that Dr. Cotton had some qualities which he had not known before. I think you will find when the book appears that there is nothing in the editorial policy of The Presbyterian with which it at all conflicts. Dr. Cotton is making for himself a very good place in the Church, and it is always unfortunate when it seems necessary to any group in the Church to make the way of a young evangelical minister harder. Of course I know you have this same feeling. I hope when the book does appear you will find that your fears about it are mistaken.

Sincerely,

Cleland B. McAfee

May 25, 1933.

Rev. Cleland B. McAfee,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. McAfee:

Your letter of May 16th, addressed to Dr. Robinson and forwarded to him in Delhi, has been returned to this office for explanation. May I say that as Dr. Robinson is absent from the office doing his writing from his home in Delhi, and as the advertisement from Fleming H. Revell Co. had to be set immediately in order to reach the General Assembly Number of THE PRESBYTERIAN, it was necessary to make a decision here without awaiting Dr. Robinson's advice. However, it was on the strength of the editorials appearing in our paper at the time of Dr. Cotton's appointment that the decision was made. We did not feel we could accept paid advertising of the nature which we have not endorsed editorially. It has ever been the policy of THE PRESBYTERIAN to advertise only such books as appeal to its constituency--the conservative element of the church--and we have many times refused to advertise certain books of Fleming H. Revell, and are quite at a loss to understand why this publisher should feel "rebuke" in this case.

Assuring you of our desire to faithfully serve the publisher, our readers, and the Church, I am

Very sincerely yours,

THE PRESBYTERIAN.

MYH/J

Wysox, Pa., 5/22/33

Editor of The Presbyterian
Philadelphia, Pa

Your editorial attitude thruout,and especially lately,has aggravated the nausea sore of us felt at your acceptance of the editorship because of its attendant circumstances.Whether to continue your paper,to get the church news,or take Dr.Snowden's,I dont know;of the two of you he seems to me the more nearly honorable,having frankly taken sides.

Seeing you glorify Scripture's authority over your behavior is it not fair for me to ask you to name the men and the behavior of theirs,plainly endorsed by God in Scripture,by which you justify your editorial course.

To me the man most typical of you ~~christian charity finds~~ in Scripture is Jehoshaphat:and as his ships perished at Ezion-Geber your paper ship is perishing so is Dr'Snowden's and the only other surviving one of the eleven there were in our church a few years ago,-whereas a new militant paper shows vitality.Aaron,Hezekiah,######,John Mark,Peter and Barnabas in the acts following which they disappeared from recorded militant Bible history show varieties of the same infirmity you and Jehoshaphat exemplify.

Some men you in soft amiability hob-a-nob with seem to me most closely typified by Ahab,to whom as chief example might be added as varieties of that type Baalam,Solomon,Judas,Annas,Demas,and the gigolo husbands Paul excoriates.

You have definitely parted company:
With Moses standing where God had to interfere by miracle to save him from being lynched;
With Jesus standing likewise,and lynched,God not interfering; and
With the line of crucial witnesses such as Phineas,Micaiah,John the Baptist,Stephen,Paul,John Huss,Wykliffe,Hugh Latimer.

Scripture is punctuated with searching statements still less courteous or parliamentary than these of mine,spoken by Jesus,Apostles,Moses, Prophets,as you well know, rebuking Jehoshaphat's kind of amiability.

If you get reaction from them I think you will find many of the subscribers you are losing feel as I do towards you; print this,send marked copies to lost subscribers,inviting comment, and see.

"Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enemyship to God!" Jesus claimed "Ye shall be hated by all for my name' sake", but you are acting as if to incur that hatred shows temperamental defect, to you Jesus says: he that saveth his (newspaper's) life shall lose it and he that loseth his (newspaper's) life for my sake and the gospel's shall find it. Who in the world hates you! Go get yourself properly hated! Militant christians hate,"How I hate them that hate thee!" who art "God our Savior." Militant christians dont hate,they pity,the Jehoshaphats,they grieve over,pray for,and sharply rebuke,sometimes indirectly as Micaiah rebuked Jehoshaphat over Ahab's shoulder.

(Rev) E.C.Musselman,HR

E C Musselman

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April 24, 1933.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

I am glad that Mr. Crowell replied so kindly to your letter. It seems a little encouraging to know that he will attend the meeting. Perhaps he will re-consider his decision to resign as a director.

I am glad to know that your son is a commissioner and that the matter of reporting the proceedings will be in such safe and competent hands. Mr. Stam has just called stating that he would be glad to help us in reporting the proceedings. I told him that your son was a commissioner and would give the matter his attention but no doubt he would appreciate help. It might be well if the two could get together and collaborate.

You forgot to state whether I was to write to our Columbus correspondent, Rev. W. A. Perrins, asking him to prepare a short write-up of the Columbus churches. Please let me know as soon as possible. We are now ready to print the cover which will be done a couple of weeks in advance of the General Assembly Number. The Chamber of Commerce of Columbus have furnished us a cut of the State Capitol Building and, although it is not just exactly what we would prefer, we are at no expense in the matter and consequently will use it.

I have just returned from a call upon Dr. Hodge. He is glad to know that a Directors' meeting will be held on Tuesday. The purpose of my visit was to give him certain information regarding Mr. Sandberger which I thought the Directors should know. If there should be a return of Dr. Craig in authority it is possible he may wish to bring him back again. This would be an unnecessary expense and I think a great calamity. If you are in the office on Monday preceding the date of the meeting, it might be well for us to post you also as to some of the irregularities we have discovered since Mr. Sandberger left. I wish he would leave us alone. He called up the plant this morning in an effort to find out how the work was going along without him. It is none of his business now

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what we are doing. I hope I never see him again.

I am sorry we could not get the Overture of the Elizabeth Presbytery which you embodied in an editorial, on the editorial pages. We did, however, place it at the head of the T.T. page.

I may need a little more editorial copy and T.T.'s for the May 4th issue.

You might be interested to know that through the begging letters sent out from the office we have secured $700. I wish it had been possible that some of this could have gone to you for salary but having to pay the paper bill each week keeps us pretty well tied up.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

Amos R. McKinney.

AIMcK*E

Letter dated Apr 23rd just received. Mrs Horn will prepare the data regarding salary for you. Your Directors Meeting is 10.30. Buck up! We are not dead yet! I am planning to prepare a report for the meeting stating how the work has been carried on and the debt they owe to you and our contributors for continuing copy when no salaries have been paid.

Mck.

Rev. William L. McEwan, D. D.
906 South Negley Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 17, 1933

Dear Robinson—

Authority to call a meeting of the Bd has been in the hands of the Secy for weeks. We were anxious to have Mr. Crowell present. Letter from Mr. Atkinson to-day informs me Mr. Crowell can come Tuesday May 2 or Wednesday May 3, and I have written him to call a meeting whichever of those days is nearest to insure full meeting. If we can satisfy ourselves that we can safeguard our policy, the merging with the Banner is our best hope (in my judgment) & if not I see no other alternative than quitting. I have done my best. I am not willing to turn the paper over to Dr Craig on any terms—

I am sorry for the strain under which you have been living. I also am straightened.

Yours fraternally
William L. McEwan

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March 28, 1933.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

It has been several days since I have written to you and no doubt you are anxious to know how things are going along with THE PRESBYTERIAN. The work in the plant is going splendidly. The men are very much interested in an effort to increase revenue in the plant and are endeavoring to secure more church papers. One man was out part of yesterday afternoon in an effort to solicit business. This is what I wanted Mr. Sandberger to do but he never would comply with my request. You will hardly know Mr. Sandberger's old office and the plant. The men have given the place a thorough housecleaning which they were never allowed to do under the old regime.

Mrs. Horn has been busy preparing for the auditors who will be here tomorrow. Everyone else is busy and if we just had more money, I think we would all feel encouraged. I had a little response from my letters; namely, $250 from Mr. Crowell who writes that he at first thought he would refuse my request for help as he felt he had done more than his share but upon second thought he decided to send a little money to help us out. Mr. J. T. Manson of New Haven, Connecticut sent us $10. The rest of the fifteen letters apparently fell on stony ground.

Mr. Smyth, an elder in the Greenhill Church near Wilmington, called the other day to say how much he loves THE PRESBYTERIAN. He stated that, with all due respect to Dr. Craig and Dr. Kennedy, he thinks the paper is better today than it has ever been. This, for your comfort.

Dr. Carter of Lincoln University called yesterday and wished to be remembered to you. He is pleased that we are using his poem in our Easter Number.

Are you satisfied with the poems I am placing on the cover page of THE PRESBYTERIAN? If you have any other material you wish placed there do not hesitate to tell me.

Albert told me the other day that there were some articles standing which have been set for many months and possibly years. He drew a proof of these which I will send under separate cover. If there is anything among these that can be used, let me know. If not, I will have the type destroyed. Everybody as usual joins me in kind regards to you and Mrs. Robinson.

Yours very sincerely,

Anna I McKinney

AIMcK*E

906 So Negley Ave
Pittsburgh Pa
March 31, 19 33

Dear "Count":

I realize that we must have a meeting of the Board in the near future, in order to decide what can be done about continuing the paper. Mr. Crowell has sent another $250, in answer to Miss McClintock's latest appeal, and he will bear his part of the expense of liquidating the deficits, I feel sure.

Several (3) of the directors have written that they would agree with the suggestions in Dr Reis letter, a copy of which I sent to each. Only a few of the whole number, however, have answered. Mr. Harbison looks to Dr Craig to take over the paper, I would prefer not very strongly. It seems a pity, after we have struggled so hard, to have to surrender where such a paper is so needed, and the freest field we have had is opening.

I have no knowledge of how the members of the Board will manage the deficit; but I would anticipate (from my own feelings & knowing that I am no better than the rest) that all obligations would be met. That would include office rent, paper bills, your Salary, and I hope the $6000 underwritten by Mr. Harbison for Dr Craig's Salary. I shall take my share of the responsibility, though it would require quite some time, in instalments, if the amount is even relatively large.

I am sorry you have had such a strain, you have not failed. I feel greatly appreciative and much indebted to you.

My attitude about a good many things for which I am responsible, is that I will do the best I can as long as I can. I will not surrender because of discouragements; but if I am providentially released, then I feel clear — I have lived on in the hope that in some way the old paper could be continued. I have given what I could, I have begged all I could stand. As President, I am exactly in the condition you are as Editor. I am older than you, and I have retired from the heavier burdens of this pastorate. I am preaching all I can, and have just had a breathing space after the preparation for the Centennial celebration & the organization of the Church. I have the honor, for which I am not fitted, of delivering the Commencement address at the Seminary Commencement, which is to be a Memorial of Dr Patton.

We have done our best for the Presbyterians. Whatever comes will not be our responsibility — but the clear Providence of God — which is best for you and me —

Give my regards to your good wife and count me your sincere and affectionate friend

William L. McEwan

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March 23, 1933.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I have your letter in which you speak of discontinuing the page entitled "A Pastor Meditates" alternating it with missionary news. Several people have written in expressing interest in this new feature, among them being our Mr. Voorhees. To quote him, "I readily see that 'Pastor' must remain anonymous at least as long as he is writing so very intimate screeds as the last two of the series. I have just loved these articles. They seem to me very fine. I hope he can keep the gait he has struck." You can readily see how one of our readers views the new page.

Mr. Gourley who wrote the article in favor of the Oxford Movement called me up again this morning regarding the manuscript. You may recall in one of your letters you asked me to return the article and to say that you would be unable to use it at this time. I have been waiting for the receipt of this before writing him. Perhaps you forgot to enclose it in some of your communications. He was a little put out but I said I would write you again regarding the matter.

I seem to have plenty of editorial material for the issue of April 6th. That for March 30th is already set.

Have you thought of anyone to represent THE PRESBYTERIAN at the General Assembly, that is if THE PRESBYTERIAN is still in existence. Of course Dr. Whallon could do this although he is pretty old and may not wish to tie himself down to a regular attendance at all the meetings. Mr. Peter Stam whom you probably know, is a commissioner from the Philadelphia North Presbytery. He is an ultra-conservative and a literary man. If we could pay him a little something he might be interested.

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year to THE PRESBYTERIAN. I am hoping that through them we may be able to secure a few pennies. I have not heard from Mr. Pew or Mr. Crowell to whom I sent letters last week.

Mr. Sandberger phoned to Miss Hoppin this morning telling her that he has been sick since he left. It was a case of stomach trouble and shock to his nerves he says. I have many things to tell you regarding some of his doings but think best not to put them on paper. Since I assumed the responsibility of the plant, I have had several little troubles to adjust but on the whole things are moving along very satisfactorily.

By the way, do you recall a letter which I have before me from S. K. Scott of Dayton, Ohio asking if we would not be willing to tell in the columns of THE PRESBYTERIAN who the various contributors are? I asked you if you wished this done but possibly the matter has escaped your memory. If you think it best not to do so, ignore this.

Will you make out a list of the editorials by Dr. Whallon which you have in your possession? I will add to it the titles of those in the office.

Everybody sends kind regards to you and Mrs. Robinson.

Yours very sincerely,

Annie S. McKinney

AIMcK*E

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March 17, 1933.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

I received your letter of March 16th in which you enclosed your check for $100 which you so kindly offer as a loan to THE PRESBYTERIAN. We are not going to use it unless absolutely necessary and I very much hope the necessity will not arise. You are too kind and generous to THE PRESBYTERIAN, even to your own hurt.

I have sent out some begging letters but as yet have not heard from them. If we could only get some cash to tide us over for a few months perhaps things may look up.

You have no idea of the beautiful way the work is going out in the plant. The men are so happy over the present arrangement. As one of them expressed it, the "disturbing element" has been removed. We have already set plans in motion looking toward economy, not only in the plant but in the office. I fear there have been some crooked dealings going on by the former so-styled manager of the plant. In the office we have taken out two telephones as well as given up our box in the Corn Exchange into which we placed a copy of our mailing list each week. I am the custodian of the mailing list, taking one home and placing it in the closet of my room. This "safe deposit box" does not cost the company anything.

In looking over the article entitled "The Oxford Movement" by Rev. Richard W. Lewis, D.D., which you sent for publication, I find that one page is missing. It is number 4. I cannot locate it in the office. If you can do so will you send it along and the article can be printed later. Upon second thought, I will enclose it and if you cannot find the sheet perhaps you can make the connection between pages three and five.

By the way, I forgot to tell you that among the remarks Mr. Sandberger made before he left the plant was that now he hoped Mrs. Horn and Miss McKinney were satisfied that they had gotten what they had been working for. Perhaps we are somewhat to blame but not all. As I understand the situation, Mr. Monro has been wishing to get rid of him for many years.

I certainly hope there will be no occasion

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for you to step down and out to make a place for another editor. I doubt if anybody else would be willing to carry on as you have done with no salary.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Robinson in which my co-laborers in the office join,

Yours very sincerely,

Anna I McKinney

AIMcK*E

WM. ALBERT HARBISON
~~GRAYBAR BUILDING~~
~~NEW YORK~~
"CLOVELLY"
SOUNDVIEW AVENUE
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.

March 11, 1933.

Miss A. I. McKinney,
Presbyterian Publishing Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss McKinney:

I am enclosing to you herewith copy of a letter of Mr. Monro's addressed to Mr. Sandberger, terminating his services as of March 15th. You will note it calls for payment of his services through the 25th, which you will, of course, attend to.

This letter of Mr. Monro's was written after I had forwarded to him Dr. McEwan's letter of March 7th expressing the conviction that it was the office of the secretary acting for the officers of the Board to sign such a letter. Mr. Monro suggested that I either send it to you to be handed to Mr. Sandberger, or mail it direct, which latter I have done, mailing you copy.

It did not seem a wise or proper thing to continue the services of Mr. Sandberger longer under the conditions.

Hoping this satisfies the case, I am

Very sincerely yours,

WAH/L.

COPY FOR MISS MC KINNEY

March 10, 1933

Mr. Carl A. Sandberger,
The Presbyterian Publishing Company,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Sandberger:

You are, of course, entirely familiar with the struggle which the Directors of the Presbyterian Publishing Company have had maintaining the paper during the past two years. Receipts have fallen off to such an extent that, even with the economies which have been instituted and special contributions by Directors and others, the deficit has reached a critical stage.

Under these circumstances it becomes necessary to take further drastic steps and I have been instructed to write you on behalf of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors that, for the present at least, it will be necessary to terminate your employment as of March 15th, payment of your salary, however, to continue until March 25th.

The Directors are not unmindful of your long period of faithful service to the publication and regret the necessity which compels this action.

With best wishes,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Hugh R. Monro

Secretary
The Presbyterian Publishing Company

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March 13, 1933.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

I am sending you a copy of the letter I have written Mr. Harbison in reply to the enclosed. The situation in the office is terrible today. We all feel like hypocrites pretending we know nothing about the situation. I hope the special committee will comply with my request not to divulge the contents of your letter to Mr. Harbison. It was, we think, all for the best and after the smoke clears we may find the battle has been worth it. You will note that he threatens to get in touch with Dr. Craig. Dr. Craig and Miss Wallace will no doubt score the whole outfit. Mr. Sandberger said he hoped the Directors would not treat me as they had done him. I replied that one never knows when his turn comes. Unless things brighten we may all be out in the cold world selling apples.

I wrote to my nephew regarding the possible union of the two papers. His letter is also enclosed. I wish you would read carefully and return, at your convenience, with all of the other letters enclosed. It seems to me that William's points are well taken. I can hardly conceive that the Directors would unite THE PRESBYTERIAN with The Banner, especially now that it may have a far more liberal tendency.

The banks are open and Mrs. Harry, Mrs. Elliott and I are in the ladies' rest room writing these letters. We felt we might be interrupted if we did so in the office.

Your letter enclosed with copy was received this morning. We will of course comply with your request that the author of "A Pastor Meditates" will not be divulged. Thank you for your kind words of praise for the office force who are carrying on in your absence. Is there any prospect of the Philadelphia Company for Guaranteeing Mortgages opening now that the banking situation has cleared somewhat? I sincerely hope you may be able to realize on your investments there so that you may not have the terrible worry you are going through now. Your faith that the Lord will provide is beautiful and it may be that

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we all will put our entire trust in Him also. Not that we are not doing so now but it sometimes seems when earthly means fail we are more apt to turn to the Lord for help.

By the way, I have exhausted the copy for the T.T. pages with the issue which will be printed this week. Also more editorial copy will be required by Friday or Saturday.

With kind personal regards to you and Mrs. Robinson in which everyone in the office joins, I am

Yours very cordially,

Anna J. MacKinney

AJMcK*E

March 13, 1933.

Mr. Wm. Albert Harbison,
"Clovelly", Soundview Ave.,
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Harbison:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 11th enclosing a copy of the letter which you are sending Mr. Sandberger terminating his connection with THE PRESBYTERIAN. He has taken the matter very much to heart. In fact, he broke down and cried. He feels that he has given the best years of his life to the work and should not have received this treatment.

He makes several threats, one of which is an effort to discontinue the small church papers which he says were brought in through his personal efforts. Of course I do not know what influence he has along this line. He also said by our discharging him the company would gain nothing but it would be a loss as he plans to broadcast the unchristian treatment, as he expresses it, of him. He also is planning to get in touch with Dr. Craig. Just what this will mean I am unable to say. Shortly after he received Mr. Monro's letter he had an interview with the representative of the Quaker City Paper Company. This I feel might result in a more urgent demand on the part of the paper house for an immediate and large payment on their account. He also inquired if we were back in the payment of our rent saying that it is possible the Provident Trust Company might put a lien on our machinery if we were, the same as was done on the McCandless Printing Company, the tenants on the fifth floor of this building but we understand their case is a little different from ours in that they were several months behind in their rent and also in the payment of their power and light indebtedness.

It may be that Mr. Sandberger will communicate with each member of this special committee. If this is done we trust that the contents of Dr. Robinson's letter which was sent to you in confidence will not be divulged to the other Directors, particularly as there seems to be a special friendship between Dr. Craig and Mr. Sandberger.

I am very much worried over the whole situation but feel that if we could get some money to tide us over the present time, matters would more easily be adjusted. Although I am very much upset over the situation, I feel that the work can be carried on without him but the readjustment will take time. Mrs. Horn will take over the Magazine Press accounts while I will keep a general supervision over the plant to the best of my ability.

It will be imperative that we have money and have it soon. The closing of the banks has worked a great hardship with THE PRESBYTERIAN as many of our checks have come back owing to the Bank Holiday. Also collections have dropped off. I doubt our ability to meet the payroll this week.

The Religious Press Association called up this morning stating that they felt they would be able to forge ahead with advertising for THE PRESBYTERIAN owing to the discontinuance of The Presbyterian Magazine. In the light of this decision do you not think a letter sent out by the Directors to the conservative constituency of the Church at this time appealing for funds, would bring results? This is a critical time in the history of all church papers. The Presbyterian Church must have some medium for its advertising and publicity and the three remaining denominational papers will be the only means by which this can be done. As you know, THE PRESBYTERIAN is the only conservative publication of the three now in existence.

I understand from a minister in Pittsburgh that Dr. Kerr is very much interested in Dr. Manzsche as a possible editor for The Banner. His liberalism and that of Dr. Faris will throw a different light on the situation when it comes to a union of the two papers. I also understand that the Pittsburgh Presbyterians would not consent to The Banner leaving their city. I wish there were such loyal Presbyterians in Philadelphia who had the same regard for THE PRESBYTERIAN.

Hoping that the present trying situation may clear up and with kind personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,

P.S. -
I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Monro and Dr. McEwan.

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March 16, 1933.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

It is with a sigh of relief that I come to the office this morning knowing that Mr. Sandberger is not now with us. Had we known what we would have to go through in the three days since he received the notification from Mr. Monro, I doubt if we would have had the courage to face it. I had supposed he was a man but find that our dealings were with a baby. I never heard such sob stuff and bid for sympathy in my life. I called the men together after he had gone and explained to them that I was assuming charge over the plant. I did this because the men have been co-workers and I felt it not the fair thing, especially as we could increase no salaries, to put one man over the others. I appealed to each to help me carry on. They responded in a most beautiful spirit and I feel in their hearts they are relieved that he is not over them any more. He was a dangerous man in that he was constantly keeping the men stirred up for he carried tales from one to another. Each man promised co-operation and will try to bring in job work or do anything to help keep the work going. All business will be cared for in the front office such as billing and paying wages. This will of course add somewhat to our work but each girl will do her part to help along. We will now have beautiful co-operation and a happier spirit is prevailing the whole outfit.

Dr. Hodge is very much interested in trying to interest missionary women in securing subscriptions to THE PRESBYTERIAN. To this end he sent Mrs. J. F. Hines, an active missionary woman, to see me. We formulated a plan whereby we will write to the key woman in all of the missionary societies connected with the churches of Philadelphia Presbytery. In order to interest them more in the paper, I have written Miss Margaret Hodge to see if she would be willing to edit missionary notes. Her name would carry great weight and would be a wedge into the societies.

In conversation with Mrs. Hines she spoke of the various phases of the paper. Among these was the Sabbath School Lesson which she felt to be most excellent. She had the suggestion, however, that if there could be embodied in it a teaching outline it might help teachers in preparing the lessons for their

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classes. I pass it on to you for what it is worth.

With kind regards from a relieved office force,

Yours very cordially,

Anna I McKinney

AIMcK*E

P.S. - Among the letters returned was one from Mr. S. K. Scott of Dayton, Ohio suggesting that we tell who the contributors of the articles appearing in THE PRESBYTERIAN are. Do you wish us to carry out this suggestion? If so, before passing on articles to be used will you kindly give the information as to the writer's identity?

A.I.McK.

The Easter number is April 6th. I infer the editorial entitled "A Fact and A Doctrine" received yesterday is intended for that issue. I have no leading editorial for March 30, at least not one so marked. Can "Returning to Sanity" be used as such? I will do this unless you order otherwise.

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March 8, 1933.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

We are enclosing another check to cover the one which appears to have been lost. Will you kindly hold it for a few days until the banking situation clears up? We are not able to deposit our checks received daily and affairs are certainly somewhat confusing. A number of checks previously deposited are being returned to us which of course causes a great deal of confusion. It looks as if we would receive scrip on Friday when I draw the payroll.

I have enough T.T.'s I think for the issue of March 16th, the paper we are working on now. I have exhausted copy on "A Pastor Meditates." By the way, several people are inquiring who the "Pastor" is. I of course have given out no information but if there is no harm in giving names shall I mention yours and your son's? Mr. Peter Stam of the Religious Press Association is so impressed with this page that he is cutting it out each week to preserve.

You may be interested to know that McCandless, the printers on the floor below us, have gone into the hands of the receiver. The Provident Trust who handle the building, padlocked their door selling their machinery to cover unpaid rent. I feel sorry for old Mr. McCandless. He had turned the business over to his son. The son, however, was not straight with his dealings and lived way beyond his income. Their plight is due to his actions.

I have had no word from Pittsburgh regarding the subject uppermost in my mind. A letter from Mr. Harbison in reply to some of my questions states that Dr. McEwan has been in bed sick for the last two weeks. This may account for the delay in his letter.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Robinson from us all,

Yours very sincerely,

Anna I McKinney

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March 3, 1923.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am in receipt of your note stating that the check for $83.34 was not enclosed in my letter. Will you kindly give a further search for it as we cannot find it in the office although the stub in the check book shows it to have been drawn on February 17th? It evidently is some place because the February checks returned from the bank do not show it as having been deposited. If you are still unable to locate it please let me know and we will stop payment on it at the bank and send another check.

Rev. M. R. Gurley of Germantown phoned this morning regarding the article he sent you on the Oxford Movement. He is very persistent in his desire that the same be published in THE PRESBYTERIAN. If, however, you do not care to use it kindly return it to me and I will send the manuscript back to him.

The matter of Mr. Sandberger has not been settled. I have had no reply from Dr. McEwan asking him if he would kindly notify Mr. Sandberger direct that his services are not longer needed. After receiving Dr. McEwan's letter I went to consult Dr. Hodge about it. He thought that I should not be asked to do this unpleasant duty and at the bottom of my letter to Dr. McEwan wrote something to this effect. A letter from Mr. Harbison states that he did not understand my letter to him. In it I had mentioned that I was astonished that Dr. McEwan asked me to notify the foreman. He thought I meant I was astonished at the action taken by the Board. I have written him explaining the matter and I very much hope that I may be relieved of the unpleasant task that seems to be facing me.

I do not have in the editorial folder, copy of Dr. Whallon's for the next issue. Shall I use only those you have written? I like your "A Pastor Meditates." As far as I know, we have had no comments on this new feature of the paper. I wonder if you have.

You sent two editorials entitled "Repealing the 18th." The substance of them was very much alike

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except that one was written before Congress took definite action on the matter and the other after they had done so. Of course I have used the latter.

Do you think the action of the General Council in disposing with The Presbyterian Magazine will react to our benefit? I am glad that they have decided that the Church does not need this publication for it has been a detriment to THE PRESBYTERIAN especially when its name was so nearly like ours, for so many years. Possibly you have already noted the action of this Council in changing the meeting place of the General Assembly to Columbus, Ohio.

In reading your editorial about the man who fell we all decided this unfortunate gentleman was yourself. I smiled when I read it as just a short time previous I myself had had a fall on a slippery spot on the pavement and my reaction was somewhat like your own.

Another expense has befallen the poor unfortunate PRESBYTERIAN; namely, the Pennsylvania Sales Tax the income from which is to be used for the unemployment. We must pay a tax on all moneys received for subscriptions in Pennsylvania during the past six months. This amounts to $27.37.

You will also be interested to know that Mrs. Geoffrey G. Whitney, [illegible] Mrs. Julius Rose, has paid for the subscription which made her mother a guest for [illegible] This is certainly appreciated as the exchequer is getting low.

There is another matter which I would appreciate your writing me about; namely, we [illegible] our subscribers excluding [illegible] that we select sixty names of persons to whom such a periodical might be of benefit. This could include young people in college or parents who may have young people of a college age. How will I secure such names? Dr Bieder. Wolf's

We all send our very best regards to you and Mrs. Robinson. We are well, busy and somewhat anxious.

Yours very sincerely,

Anna I McKinney

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Sidney N. Y.
Feb. 27 — 1933

Dear Dr. Robinson —

We all wish to thank you very much for all you did for us and I am going to ask you to do a favor for us. Walter MacGregor is enclosing a check and we wondered if you would please deliver part of it in various places. First — $10.00 to yourself. 2nd — $5.00 to Mr McInnis — 3d — $2.50. each to the organist, each singer and the janitor with our thanks to all.

The roads were not so bad coming home Saturday and we did appreciate you so much.

Sincerely,

Helen MacGregor

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February 27, 1933.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

Well, the worst has come and I received this morning a letter from Dr. McEwan asking me to notify Mr. Sandberger that his services are not longer needed and to pay him a two weeks' salary in lieu of notice. I have written Dr. McEwan telling him that I felt this notification should be more official, that it should come either from him as President or some other member of the Board. Really, I am afraid of the man. He has a quick temper and my life would be worth very little if he gave way to it. I am going to see Dr. Hodge this afternoon showing him Dr. McEwan's letter and my reply. Dr. Hodge is most sympathetic with me in my position and I feel sure he would try to influence Dr. McEwan to write the letter himself. When I read Dr. McEwan's letter this morning cold chills went up and down my back and my hands are still cold from the effects of its contents.

I have no copy for the page "A Pastor Meditates" and will need it as soon as possible. I thought the plan was that the copy was to come from your son but a letter received from him this morning states that he has nothing prepared and had supposed others beside himself were to furnish copy. If, however, nothing comes in time for the next week's issue shall I prepare "A Thought A Day" page? I think I can do this from various exchanges.

Hoping that the matter that is giving me so much worry now may be cared for by the Directors and with kind personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Amos I McKinney

AIMcK*E

Monday Evening

Rutledge P.

Dear Dr Robinson:-

I received your letter Saturday morning and I am indeed glad that Mr. Crowell contributed $500.00 to your salary account.

I note what you say about the decision of Mr. Harbison and Mr. Moore to let Mr. Sandberger go and that I will receive a letter from Dr McEwen about the matter. However if I am asked to inform him that his services are no longer desired I shall simply tell the directors that I think it will be better if the notification comes from someone higher up in authority than I am. M. J.

thinks he is higher in power than am I. I really would be afraid of the man, if I had to tell him. He has a bad temper and I fear what he might say or do.

If he you say there is a great possibility of the uniting of the Banner and the Christian, the combined paper to be printed in Harrisburg, thus eliminating our plant why tell him at all that he is discharged? Will not all the others go at the same time? If it is a matter of a few weeks, is there any reason of incurring his enmity?

As I view the matter of the union, with the printing done by the Evangelical Pub., as well as promotion work handled

by stem. What is there for many of us! No one in the office knows of any retirement except Mrs Horn. I did not wish to have the pension question until it was necessary. Do you think the managers of the new business will need a pension, for one who must go the work in Philadelphia! It would be out of the question for me to live on Washington after more than twenty-eight years of service. I would hate to be thrown out in the cold world. The running of work by young people is difficult these days, but how much greater it would be for an older person! Now I need for a pension. But perhaps I am crowing

bridges before I come to them.
Let us hope so. If you can
carry on in the light of all
your debts, and still trust
that it will come out right in
the end, why should I com-
plain! I have no money to lose
except small savings of less
than $2,000. But I know God
will provide.

Mrs Cole had her tonsils re-
moved on Saturday and will
be out of the office for a few
days. She was all tired and
hoarse.

Ivy sister gives me six Rich
regards to you and Mrs
Clemens.

Very sincerely yours,
Orion L. Hamilton

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Charlotte N C

Feb 12, 1933

Dear Robinson -

I am here at a Bible Conference. Leave to-morrow morning - To-day there came, forwarded from Pittsburgh, a letter from Mr. Crowell, with check for $500, which I was instructed to give to you, and not have applied to the Support of the paper. I do not know whether any one else has responded to the appeal or not. I am delighted to be the agent thus whose hands this check from this generous man comes to you.

I am sending it without delay.

Your friend

M Ewan

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February 15, 1933.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

We looked for you in the office on the 13th and then again on the 14th but not putting in your appearance we inferred that you did not plan to visit us at this time.

I am enclosing a check for $250. $200 is to cover one month's salary at the reduced rate and $50 is to be applied on the back salary. The $50 came directly from Dr. Hodge who said he had had a letter from Dr. McEwan telling of the inability of THE PRESBYTERIAN to pay you for over a year. Dr. Hodge writes that he is very much mortified over the situation and wishes his contribution of $50 to be used in no other way but to pay something on your back salary. He also said that he would see what could be done to raise more money for you. I have acknowledged this to Dr. Hodge but his letter was so kind and so friendly toward you that it might be well for you to write him. We have had the $200 awaiting you since last week as we had hoped to deliver it to you in person.

I have about decided to let the paper bill accumulate paying only small amounts in order that another month's salary may be paid you as soon as possible.

Mrs. Horn is out of the office being at her home with an attack of the grippe. I hope she may soon recover as everyone is of great value in order to carry on the work of the paper. This is her second attack of the grippe this winter. The rest of us, however, seem to have escaped the malady although I understand it is very prevalent here in Philadelphia.

A Mr. Victor F. Sheronas called to see you this morning. He did not state his business and I told him that if it was of a personal character to write directly to you at Delhi.

March 23rd will be the Ministerial Relief Number. Are you planning to have an editorial on the subject? Do you also wish me to write to anyone of the Board of Pensions for short articles. We have decided on April 6th as

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the Easter Number.

Everyone joins in kind regards to you and Mrs. Robinson.

Yours very sincerely,

Amos L. McKinney

AIMcK*E

Ithaca N.Y.
Feb. 8. 1933.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

We were all so much pleased with the service last Sunday.

It was especially nice to have remarks from you, who had known father so well, and, as usual, you made them with the touch of a master.

I have reason to believe that you cancelled important engagements in order to be present at the funeral.

Will you please accept the enclosed note from me personally and let me hope that to a small extent it may make recompense?

Yours sincerely.

Harold McElwee

Rev. William T. McElwain, D. D.
906 South Negley Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

January 31, 1933

Dear Robinson -

I will write to each member of the Bd. giving the information and appeal of your condition. I do not know what else I can do. My pension from the Annuity was cut 15% this year. Some of the other members are hanging by their eyelids.

I have had one conference with Dr Orr about uniting with the Banner. He promises another as soon as Dr Edwards is in town. He says he earnestly desires to have a merger of the papers.

Both Dr Robinson and Dr Craig have sold stock to Dr Orr. I am of the opinion that Crowell & Pew should have stock for what they have contributed.

If we can unite with the Banner, perhaps we can make a self-sustaining paper.

I go to Princeton next Tuesday, from there to N.C. for a Bible Conference & stop at Washington on way back for the meeting of the Western Section of the Alliance — and have the remaining Sundays in February engaged. No compensation from any.

I am trudging along the way contentedly — have little provision (growing less) for the future & Goodness and mercy have followed me all the way — and I will not be forsaken. —

I sympathize with you, with all the responsibility and confront the help that needs a Board

First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York
—
David S. MacInnes, Pastor

Thursday morning.

Dear D. Atkinson,

Thank you so much for your good note. Glad to hear a report of how things are going. Also happy for your encouraging word about yourself. Hope that you may keep right on and surprise everyone.

We are having a glorious time here and getting some real rest. The week at Aurora was strenuous, but very satisfactory. I think our Delhi girls had an enjoyable and profitable time. This week I have been just loafing in the water and on it. Have been too tired or lazy to even decide about Buffalo. But we are earnestly praying for the Lord to reveal His will very clearly. I am willing to do what He wills. I believe He will show me the way in His own time.

Hope that all of your large family are keeping well and having a good summer. Mrs. MacInnes joins me in sending our best wishes to all on the hill.

Most cordially.

David

The First Presbyterian Church
SUCCASUNNA, NEW JERSEY

WILLIAM M. MACINNIS, MINISTER

September 6, 1934.

Dear Mr. Robinson,

Your letter has caused me to do some real thinking these last few days. It gives me a thrill to think that there are some in the Delhi Church who would consider placing my name as their pastor. It speaks very well for the work David has done there.

My first inclination would be to say go ahead, but as one thinks over the situation there are many things that loom on the horizon which would of necessity have to be thought over very prayerfully.

First of all I want to say I am very happy in my work here and do not feel the least bit anxious about moving. Our work is going into the sixth year and I feel that I have come to the place where some very definite constructive work can be done. It is near metropolitan centers and is a growing work with some real possibilities. So I am not the least bit concerned about leaving.

But there is the other side of the question. If Delhi is a call to greater service and is a call of God my heart could not be closed to it.

There is this to say - if the people of Delhi were calling me, should it come to that, only because I am David's brother, I am afraid the work would fail even before it started. It would be a real compliment to have them think that I was like David but the truth of the matter is, I am not. We are two distinct personalities - and we do things differently. I am sure that our ways would not clash, perhaps they would complement each other; but the thing I am concerned about is that the people would have to recognize this difference. It would be difficult to go there and always feel that you were being compared with your brother, or to feel that the only reason I was being considered was simply the fact that I was David's brother. Do you understand my feeling? What do you think is the attitude of the members of the church?

Another thing I would like to know is - what do you consider the possibilities for growth? Do you think the church is fairly well settled or is there still virgin soil to be worked? Would it be a work of just holding and teaching those already in the church or is there room to reach out?

The young people have always been a real consideration in my work here. Is there a field for such work there?

It is a cause of regret to bother you with these questions but you know the situation from your many years experience, and I would be glad to have your very frank reactions to the

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whole situation.

My decision would rest wholly upon the opportunities offered, for the salary would not enter at all. As it is, it would be very little increase over what I am receiving at the present time, but, as I have already said, if I felt it were a real call to increased service in the Kingdom, I would not hesitate to heed it.

I have written very confidentially to you, because I feel sure you will be a real help in answering my problems. I will appreciate any information you can give that you feel will be of help in facing the whole question of a change. The last thing I want to do is to blindly say "yes" or "no".

We hope you are continuing to gain in strength and Mildred joins me in our warmest regards to Mrs. Robinson and yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

William.

First Presbyterian Church
Seattle, Washington

July 25, 1933.

Rev. W. C. Robinson
DELHI, NEW YORK.

My dear, dear Brother:

Your letter of the 17th received.

Am sorry you have been sick. Do not worry. I know what worry is. It kills. It is worry, not work, that kills. Cheer up. Do not worry about your work. You did a wonderful piece of work for The Presbyterian. No one could have done better. Everyone owes you prayers, gratitude, and compensation. You are a marvelous worker, defender of the faith, Christian gentleman, preacher, and scholar. Am proud of you.

Do not worry about the feud between Machen and people he is constantly attacking. God will bring it to naught.

Let us pray mightily. The Church must not be split. The Church is not suffering from heresy, it is suffering from anarchy. Men who set themselves up to be God's last work of authority and orthodoxy are no better than the pope. In fact, I think his position is more logical.

This is to you confidentially. Do not worry about it and we will pray it thru, but the

Church must not be split. These people who defy God Almighty, law, order, and everything else, must be made to see the error of their way. How can we make them see it?

I want your son or Robert Speer to be the editor of the paper. My first choice was your son.

God bless you. Pray for me. Let me know what you discover. I hope we will have a big meeting of the Board of Directors when I come to the Council meeting in November.

I have been writing to people in the East and they have agreed with me that the other two papers must be purchased and The Presbyterian must be supported. I think I have done some good.

With best regards, I am

Your true friend,

W. A. Matthews